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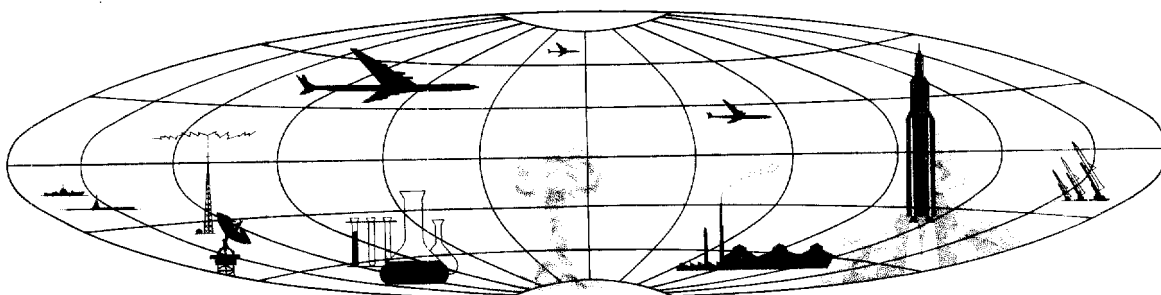


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A large military storage depot (30-06N 31-30E) has been found in the desert approximately 3 nautical miles (nm) southeast of the center of Camp Huckstep and 13 nm east-northeast of the center of Cairo, Egypt (Figure 1). 1/ There were no signs of construction at the time of Mission [REDACTED] the last [REDACTED] photography of the area. The next available aerial photography of this area is from Mission [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] which provided excellent detail and showed this unusual project in a late stage of construction. [REDACTED] subsequently covered the site on [REDACTED] and, although the photography did not disclose details, it showed the extent of the depot. In [REDACTED] small-scale photography from [REDACTED] and from another [REDACTED] mission [REDACTED] covered the site, but again construction details could not be discerned.

Camp Huckstep is a large military camp serving the Cairo area. 2/ It has housed a large number of Soviet troops, and there is visible evidence of Soviet vehicles and of weapons positions in the widespread training areas surrounding the camp. The camp has been associated with [REDACTED] activities. An explosives plant is also associated with it.

The new depot is connected by road to Camp Huckstep. The main road of the depot extends southward 4 nm from the east side of the camp to connect with the main Cairo-Al Ismailiyah highway (Figure 1). The depot is served by an elaborate high-standard black-topped road system. The roads average 20

feet in width and intersections have extremely long turning radii (90 feet) which would permit the use of very long vehicles, including the longest trailer trucks.

Ditches, apparently for pipelines, are being excavated in the depot area. A main pipeline ditch from Camp Huckstep parallels the main road (Figure 2). It was only partially completed in [REDACTED] Other pipeline ditches lead from each building in many building groups to centrally located excavations (see inset, Figure 2). These may be sewer or water drainage lines. It is possible that pipelines supply the warehouses with water for an evaporation system of air-conditioning and that drainage ditches serve to carry off excess water from this system.

In [REDACTED] many of the buildings at the depot were in various stages of construction, some having only foundations in place. The buildings are closely spaced in groups of four to ten, but the building groups are widely spaced.

TYPES OF BUILDINGS

Six types of storage buildings appear throughout the depot. The types are designated A through F in order of building size. Dimensions and drawings of the building types are shown in Figure 3. The Type A building is the largest (measuring [REDACTED] and is the type most frequently seen at the depot. The Type B building is the least numerous.

All of the buildings are of single-story, flat-roofed construction. Buildings of four types (A-D) are set on rows of foundation posts rather than on slabs or excavated foundations. Buildings of Types E and F are of shed size, but have deep foundations, and are identified as probable fuze

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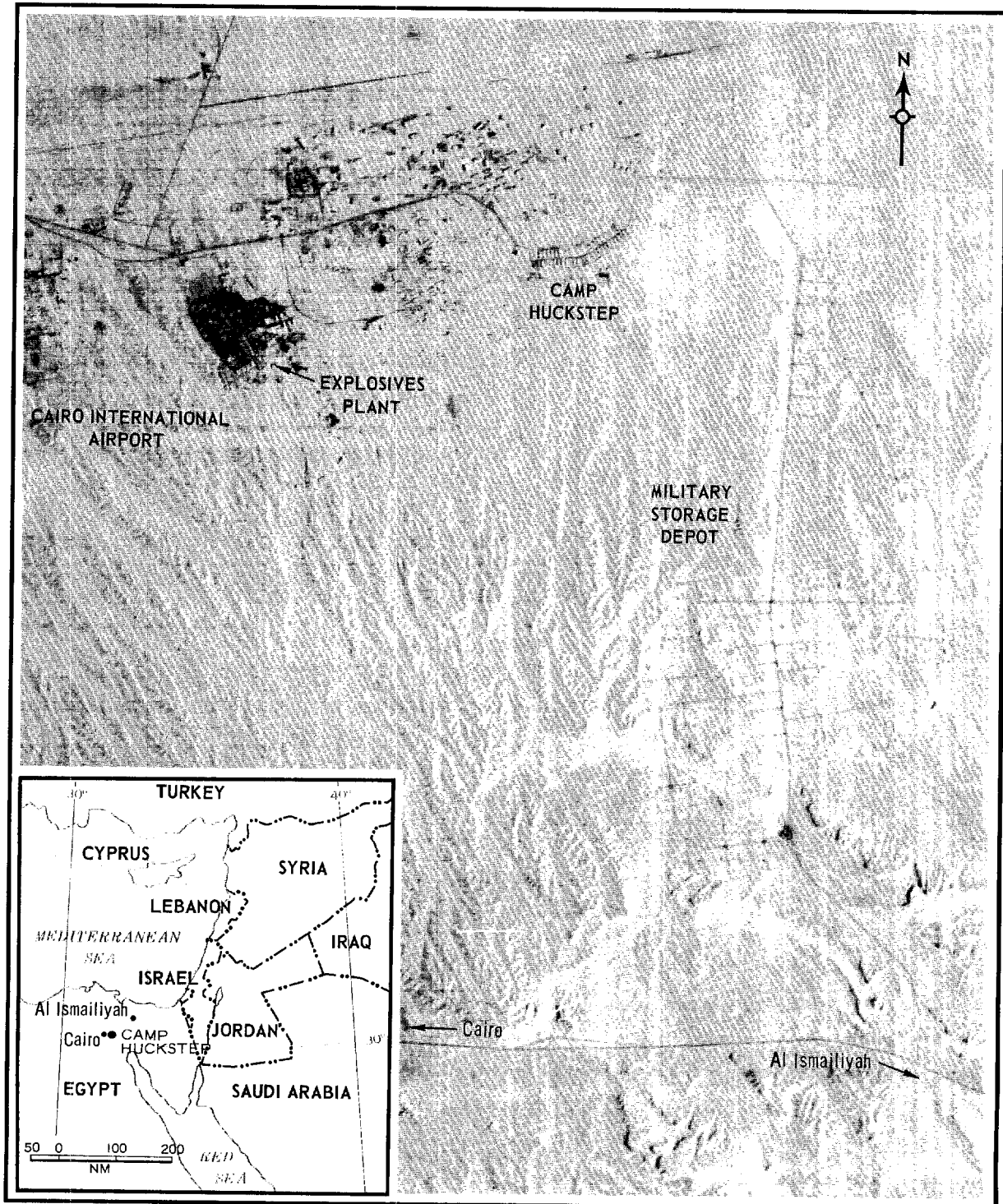


FIGURE 1. MILITARY STORAGE DEPOT NEAR CAMP HUCKSTEP, EGYPT.

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CAMP HUCKSTEP

BUILDING DETAILS IN THIS AREA NOT DISCERNIBLE DUE TO POOR PHOTO QUALITY.

LEGEND:

- Type A building
- Type B building
- Type C building
- Type D building
- Type E building
- Type F building (20' X 15')
- Building under construction
- Road
- Pipeline ditch

SCALE BAR: 500 0 500 1000 1500 2000 FEET

PHOTO INSET: TYPE A BUILDINGS, TYPE D BUILDING, PARKING APRON, TYPE F BUILDINGS, EXCAVATION, PIPELINE DITCHES, TYPE F BUILDINGS, TYPE F BUILDINGS, TYPE A BUILDINGS, EXCAVATIONS

AREA OF PHOTO INSET

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storage houses. Four of the types (A, C, D, and E) have ventilators.

Two types (A and C) are of the same configuration and have unusual cutout sections in their roofs. The cutout sections may serve as air-intake ports for an evaporation system of air-conditioning. A warehouse with a cutout section

has been seen elsewhere at only one location--a small, highly secured chemical plant near Taelien, China (this plant is annotated on the illustration appearing in NPIC/R-1390/63, 3/). This warehouse (measuring [redacted]) is somewhat larger than the Type A buildings at the depot.

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CONCLUSION

Available evidence allows only a general conclusion on the use of the depot. Because of its connection with Camp Huckstep, the depot is classified as used for military storage. The storage of explosives is suggested by the presence of probable fuze storage houses, but no large quantity of high explosives could be stored at the depot because the warehouses

are close to each other and have no blast protection between them. The absence of visible security measures at the depot is unusual. It is possible that security fencing will be erected after completion of the construction. Photography since the [redacted] mission is not of large enough scale to allow observation of fences.

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